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Workforce education declining

BY LYDIA SARRAILLE
Daily Staff Writer

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education reported last month that if current trends continue, the percentage of California's workers with a college degree will decrease and the personal income of state residents will decline over the next 15 years.

The report concludes that if the education of Hispanics in California is not improved, the percentage of the state workforce with an associates degree or bachelor's degree is likely to decline, as a result the average income per capita would decrease by 11 percent.

According to the report, California's projected decline is the most severe in the United States. Some states seriously affected by the "nationwide trend" include Texas, Arizona, New York and Connecticut.

Patrick M. Callan, the president of the National Center, said in a statement "Education is one of the most effective ways for individuals, communities, states and the country to improve our social and economic future."

Margaret Wilkes, a student services professional at the San Jose State University career center said she had never heard of the report, and did not know whether the findings accurately reflect the climate in Silicon Valley.

"I can tell that the job market is improving slightly in our area because of the number of employers who have been willing to participate in job fairs," Wilkes said. "But Silicon Valley is an anomaly in that regard because we tend to have a more highly educated workforce."

According to the report, "a decrease in the average educational level of U.S. workers would place them at a major competitive disadvantage."

Tom Means, an economics professor at SJSU, said the report might not give the most truthful picture.

"The question is, did they control for the possibility that a large number of immigrants who come to California are not as highly educated?" Means asked. "It may be that there is a wide gap now, but in time, as people work to improve their situations, the gap may appear to close because the uneducated are catching up."

Means said the true culprit, in terms of decreasing incomes, is the fact that jobs that may not have required much skill a decade ago now require a lot more.

"You're going to need a higher level of skill these days than your dad did," Means said. "Even mechanics need to have some pretty advanced computer skills these days."

Ken Yeager, a San Jose city councilman and a political science professor at SJSU said he believes that "California is making it too hard to get a good education."

"The quality of primary education and the rising cost of secondary education mean that fewer people are coming out of our system with the skills they need to be successful," Yeager said. "We talk about needing to compete in a global market, but we're not putting our money where our mouth is."

If states are able to close the educational gaps among racial groups in this country, the report suggests the percentage of Americans of working age with a bachelor's as their highest degree would go from 17 percent in 2000 to 24 percent

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Food for thought ...



Lambert Lum, a student pursuing his masters in Business Administration, promotes his idea "SJSUfood.com" at the 2005 Silicon Valley Neat Ideas Fair at the Barrett Ballroom of the San Jose State University Student Union on Wednesday. The Neat Ideas Fair allows students, faculty and alumnae to present their ideas, projects, and businesses to the public. Combiz Salehomoun, a member of The Entrepreneurial Society—which helped host this event, said, "We're just trying to promote entrepreneurship here." The event continues today.



Rhonda Abrams, one of the judges of the Neat Ideas Fair, looks at a silver ring with white gold finish — a product of "AgPt by Talent Jewelry."

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From right, Geo Giovanni, a senior majoring in communication studies, tells Rida Qamar, a junior majoring in finance, Faham Shaikh, a senior majoring in accounting, and Neha Vasudu, a senior majoring in international business, about his project called, "Urbanology." Giovanni helps plan "Urbanology," which is an event that happens four to five times a year and presents urban fashion, art, music and dance. "Urbanology incorporates everything of the urban culture into one event," Giovanni said.

Lecture to highlight school inequalities

Article that alleges segregation in public education to be discussed

BY DAVIDA ROSS
Daily Staff Writer

Judith Lessow-Hurley, a San Jose State University professor of elementary education, will lead a discussion about the funding and resource inequities in the California public school system today at noon in the Instructional Resource Center, room 101.

Lessow-Hurley said the event will discuss author Jonathan Kozol's article "Still Separate, Still Unequal" — an article that she said focuses on the notion that schools are still segregated and do not receive equal resources.

"Public schools that are in poor neighborhoods or that have large minority populations are not receiving the same resources as other schools," Lessow-Hurley said. "The discussion will focus on how this plays out for the children in these schools."

Victor Altamirano, a senior

majoring in civil engineering, said he graduated from Dublin High School — a school he described as "middle-to-upper-middle class."

Altamirano, who was originally from San Leandro, said he thinks Dublin High School probably had more resources than San Leandro High School.

"I'm not sure if it's because of segregation or not, but from what I've heard, the school has had a lot of programs cut," Altamirano said.

Lessow-Hurley said this topic is important because many students at SJSU come from public schools and may enter college under prepared because of these inequities.

"If someone doesn't get proper instruction in high school, it will be more difficult for them to succeed in college," Lessow-Hurley said.

This discussion is part of a campus dialogue series concentrating on what it means to

be an educated person.

Annette Nellen — accounting and financing professor and former chair of Academic Senate — said she started this series in order to help students understand the importance of general education requirements.

"It is incredibly important for students to be well-rounded, educated citizens and general education classes help them do this," Nellen said. "Many students do not understand why G.E. courses are mandatory and these discussions are aimed to help them understand."

Nellen said the world is always changing and students cannot be limited to courses specific to their major.

"If students are only proficient in one area, they will not be able to survive in the workforce if their job disappears," Nellen said.

Nellen said today's discussion will relate to becoming an educated person because high

school graduates are "coming into the university with an increasingly narrow knowledge base and it is consequently even more important to broaden their knowledge base with general education courses."

"I have talked to high school students who said the longest paper they have ever had to write was two pages," Nellen said. "It is important to discuss possible solutions to this so that future students will be able to survive in college."

Lessow-Hurley said students wishing to participate in the discussion can read the topic article on the campus dialogue's Web site, or can come listen to the discussion first then read up on it later if they wish.

"I will discuss the topic briefly and then open up the floor for faculty and student discussion," Lessow-Hurley said. "Students should feel inclined to attend because it is an issue that greatly affects their college experience."

Trustees explain CSU fee increase

Student officials react to budget

BY PRISCILLA WOO
Daily Staff Writer

Tuition for students in the California State University system could increase as much as 8 percent for the coming 2006 and 2007 school year, said CSU board of trustee members in an informational meeting at the Tower Hall conference room.

Each year thereafter tuition would increase by 10 percent, according to Rebecca Balderas, director of legislative affairs. In five years, which is the average amount of time that a student may enroll in at a university, the fees would increase by 150 percent.

Debra Farar, a California State University Board of trustee member, said the board is trying everything it can to help the CSU system succeed.

"In bad times we charge more and good times we charge less," Farar said. "It's a horrible thing and nobody really

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Campus pigeons beware

BY SOPHIA SEREMETIS
Daily Staff Writer

Lurking beyond every plant, tree and building at San Jose State University is another, much subtler natural world. Giant whiteflies, hawks and flying ants are just a few of the creatures that compose the animal kingdom at SJSU, and every now and then, they make their presence known to the students and faculty that share the campus.

Dennis Suit, who manages grounds and recycling services for SJSU, is in his 30th year working for the university. One of his current projects is watching the two hawks that frequent the Business Tower. Suit said the hawks have been instrumental in curbing the pigeon problem on campus over the years.

"Hopefully we'll find out in February whether they'll consummate their union," Suit said.

Although he doesn't claim to be a hawk expert, he said when he had a pair of hawks living in the palm tree behind his home a few blocks off-campus. February was when he first noticed them getting friendly.

"The first time they made it was on Valentine's Day. I thought that was cute," Suit said. "You'd hear all this squawking, four or five times a day."

By mid-summer, Suit said the hawks were flying food up to their nest, and he re-

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Opposing Views: Should gambling be legal everywhere in California?

YES *Casinos could bring in crucial revenue to California's struggling budget.*

The California state budget is currently in a deficit of 15 billion dollars, by far the largest state deficit in the United States, and expanding gambling throughout the state would be the most effective way to eliminate it.

As it stands, gambling is already legal in many forms in many parts of the state. Indian casinos and the state lottery, horse races and poker games are all legal and heavily taxed in California and account for over \$500 million dollars of the state's general fund.

Besides adding revenue to the general fund, gambling taxes would and do provide much-needed financial support to one of the most important and often abused services in California: public education.

California's public school districts have long been dependent on the revenues they accrue from the state lottery, and millions of dollars are annually donated to the budgets of every school district in the state, and have been since the mid-1980s.

Opponents of expanded Indian gaming, such as the California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion, object to what they view as immoral activities. But they forget that gambling already happens across the state, without the terrible consequences they seem to fear, such as increased crime.



LYDIA SARRAILLE

Is it really more immoral to allow gamblers to gamble anywhere than to allow the state to languish in debt?

Expanding gambling could potentially do much more good than bad, even if the coalition is right about the problems that they think come along with casinos.

According to reports in the Los Angeles Times and other news organizations, California's economic slowdown is steadily taking its toll.

Taking away any potential source of income from the state at this time would be completely irresponsible.

Adding the revenue that taxing statewide gambling would yield would help to bolster California's budget against the slow erosion that ineffectual politicians have allowed in the current administration and those prior.

Opponents of gambling expansion say that crime and exploitation follow gambling, but careful regulation can eliminate those problems and even lessen the types of crimes that are often associated with gambling such as cheating, loan sharking, and exploitation.

The California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion has attacked the California Lottery Mega Millions game and declared that the Lottery Commission had no right to join with Mega Millions earlier this year.

The coalition's lawyer, Fred Jones, is heading up a legal challenge against the Lottery Commission that will be heard in court Friday.

Jones was quoted in the Palm Springs newspaper the Desert Sun questioning whether it would "wise" for the lottery to raise more money for schools by expanding gambling or "peddling illicit drugs."

The insinuation that using revenue from gambling would be akin to funding the state with drug money is absurd.

The decision to expand gambling or not should be based on the economic practicalities of the situation, not the puritanical beliefs of a small fraction of citizens.

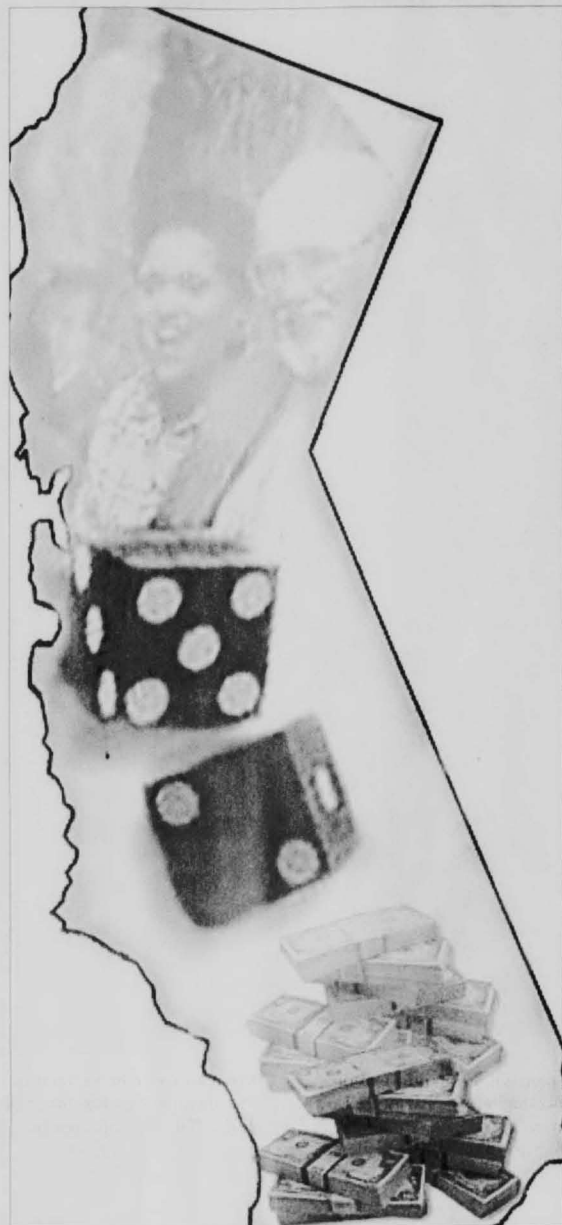


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NO *Casinos cause more social, economic and political problems than they solve.*

California is already being filled up with plenty of Indian casinos where people are allowed to gamble legally. Is there a reason to create more places to gamble?

The answer is clearly no.

Gambling can be very addictive. As it is now, people usually have to make a trip to be able to go to a casino. If there were a casino on every corner, we would see a decline in our culture that would have an increased addiction with gambling.

It would just be something that people do on a regular basis and many more people would lose a lot of money at these casinos. It would hurt the morale of the people that became addicted and cause harms to a lot of people's lives.

While that certainly wouldn't happen to everyone who visited these places, it would happen to some and I wouldn't feel comfortable knowing that something that the state allowed has created problems for people and their families.

There aren't any benefits that can outweigh the negative aspects of allowing casinos to be built throughout the state, rather than only on Indian reservations.

California currently has more than 50 different Indian casinos. That gives people plenty of places to go if they want to gamble. It would only hurt our state if we opened the whole state to casinos.

While tax money would certainly improve California's current fiscal state, the question is whether or not it's worth it.

Many of the sites for proposed casinos would place them in already high-density areas, creating more congestion and traffic in an already overcrowded state.

I don't want this state turned in to one giant Las Vegas strip, where nobody can drive around unless it's 7 a.m.

Also, if California allows casinos to be built across the state, the state will be promoting gambling. The choice to gamble is someone's personal opinion.

But I don't want to make casinos similar to bars, where there is one on every corner.

There's nothing wrong with going to a casino and gambling — but allowing casinos all across the state would cheapen the fun of going to one.

People get excited about making special trips to Las Vegas or Reno, or even to one of the Indian casinos. But if there were casinos everywhere, those trips would lose their excitement.

Finally, Nevada's economy would certainly take a hit. While Californians may not be concerned with Nevada's economy because it doesn't affect them, that might not always be the case.

If California starts doing things that negatively affect Nevada, such as allowing casinos throughout the state, Nevada might retaliate with something that will steal business from California, destroying any economic benefits the state might have gained from allowing casinos.

There's no reason to upset our neighboring states and the people of our state by placing a casino at everybody's fingertip.



JIMMY DURKIN

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Jimmy Durkin is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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"Yes. We all have a choice and if people want to gamble they should."

Gaby Ahumada,
junior,
public relations



"Yes. It's good for entertainment."

Jamie Murakami,
freshman,
nutrition



"Yes. It's better for the economy."

Francisco Orozco,
freshman,
undeclared



"No. It can cause people to go into debt."

Tommy Figuero,
junior,
nursing



"No. It's highly addictive and can lead to debt."

Anthony Armanino,
freshman,
business



"No. Gambling is good for Las Vegas, but not California. This is more of a family place."

Ali Zargari,
senior,
electrical engineering

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SJSUCK

Freegans of the world unite, by the dumpster ou

I like shopping during the holiday season. Sort of. I don't like the overpriced, cheaply made crap on the store shelves, nor do I endorse the 6 a.m. trampling of old ladies at Wal Mart for a \$10 coffee grinder the day after Thanksgiving. I despise Furbies, Tickle-Me Elmos and whatever "hot" item that makes people act out the Christmas classic "Jingle All the Way" every year. Hell, I don't even like shopping during the rest of the year at all.

It's just the *idea* of shopping during the holiday season that keeps me enamored. Every year, I picture the crowded retail conglomerates as centers for warmth and camaraderie. During the season, we all pretty much have the same goal: to please somebody else by buying him or her something. This altruistic notion in theory should block any of our malicious thoughts and make it impossible for any bad will to be spread. I picture people huddled together in a blob, almost acting as one — a slow, lumbering monster of American capitalism, all smiles and holiday cheer with a soundtrack by Bing Crosby.

Every year, I am sorely disappointed.

Walking through Target, angry parents can be

heard yelling at disgruntled, red-vested employees over a saccharine version of "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire" sung by *N Sync. As the days to Christmas get closer, mall patrons get increasingly irate and what could've been a sense of family is replaced with a sense of family — the Menendez family.

While everybody screws this holiday fantasy of mine, there just has to be an insult to injury. So while normal people are at each other's throats at Toys 'R Us for a remote controlled toy, some hippies take my idea for togetherness and totally mess it up.

The Associated Press reports of consumerism protestors who call themselves "freegans." Freegans — a mashup of the words "vegan" and "free" — eat for, uh, free by eating stuff other people throw away. They rummage through dumpsters and conjure up seemingly gourmet feasts from other people's garbage. OK, yeah, we have a word for these people: homeless. Some freegans are homeless, however. Then again, and perhaps more disturbingly,

some are not.

These scavengers prove that if you have the stomach for it, almost anything you want to eat can be found in the trash. The story claims that for Thanksgiving a group of freegans in New York shared a dinner of "eggplant Parmesan with a salad of mixed greens and avocado dressing," in addition to "hors d'oeuvres of smoked mozzarella and crackers."

Sounds kinda good, doesn't it? Too bad thinking about eating avocado dressing out of the trash makes me want to blow chunks. Also, let's even assume that the cheese they ate with the crackers was OK for consumption. Digging through the garbage, how many rotten or moldy cheeses do you find for every good one? Ugh. I'm disgusted and intrigued.

Snooping around to find some sort of freegan homepage, I discovered a multitude of resources dedicated to dumpster diving, "waste reclamation," squatting and how to smell like patchouli all the damn time. There is also a section dedicated to "Really, really free markets," where people congregate to give

each other stuff they don't want. What it sounds like is a kind of touchy-feely, hip, rockin' garage sale. The site has photos of these markets, but what it *looks* like is as if someone emptied a dumpster out into the middle of a park.

There are also pictures of "dumpster goodies" on the site. 'Nuff said.

In all these trash bin dinner parties and free-yet-gross giveaways, I get the sense of comradeship, of family. That Joe Ganja isn't going to slit your throat over the last, rotting piece of Brie and the dirt-stained Ritz.

So the consumerists of the world cannot stand each other and get along, while these anti-consumerists can?

There's some social commentary in here somewhere, but I can't stop dry heaving to find it. I guess the choice is yours: be an a**hole, or smell like one.

Happy holidays, ya'll. Good riddance.

Kevin Yuen is the Spartan Daily A&E editor. "SJSUCK" is never appearing again. Haters rejoice.



KEVIN YUEN

Devour the Child



Jamaica Dyer

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TODAY

The Alpha Omega Student

Fellowship will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at 938-1610.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

There will be a Bible study at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Diane Kim at 499-7153.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, contact Fr. Jose Rubio at 938-1610.

Counseling Services

There will be a general process group from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 201 of the Administration building. For more information, contact Ellen Lin or Rachel Kitazono at 924-5910.

Counseling Services

There will be an Asian American and Pacific Islander discussion series from noon to 1:20 p.m. in room 201 of the Administration building. For more information, contact Ellen Lin or Lynda Yoshikawa at 924-5910.

SJSU Women's Rugby Club

There will be practice from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 10th and Alma streets. For more information, contact Melody Ocampo at (530) 574-0575.

Society of Latino Engineers

There will be a meeting about internship possibilities at 6 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Ricardo Barajas at 924-3830.

Silicon Valley Leaders Symposium

There will be a meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room 189 of the Engineering Auditorium. For more

information, contact

Ahmed Hambaba at 924-3959.

Colleges Against Cancer

There will be an information meeting on the "Relay for Life" from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Dominic Rizzi at 348-2998.

Environmental Club

There will be art displaying the amount of water the campus uses in a single day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Table 6 outside the Student Union. For more information, contact Amie at

887-2562.

Educated Persons Dialogue

There will be a discussion of the influence of grades K through 12 from noon to 1 p.m. in room 101 of the Instructional Resources Center. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at 924-3508.

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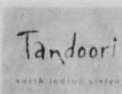
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A.S. needs to be more responsible with funds

The Spartan Daily does make a very important point considering the Associated Students. How does anything that has transpired in the past week serve to represent the students? We have A.S. directors selfishly wanting every committee assignment within the university system, and then they refuse to work with students or even tell them anything about issues dealing with writing requirements and new regulations.

When criticized, like little children, they walk away with a pout. It takes months for Sarah Stillman to get minutes and other board actions done, and she seems confused at every meeting, whether they are having closed sessions or not.

Indeed, Ms. Stillman seems confused about the very regulations that govern meetings but insists no one be allowed to question it. We are spending thousands ev-

ery month for board members to use laptops and voice mails, and they do not seem anxious to talk to anyone else but each other.

With all of the hullabaloo, Ms. Baldaras managed to register 200 students for the November election, while the street people that hang around campus registered 3,300 more.

Yes, the challenge for the Associated Students is to continue to serve the students, but when we have the director of community affairs refusing to talk about the massive changes happening on campus and a director of governing affairs studying cookie policies instead of committee organization, why bother with student government?

James Rowen,
graduate student,
urban planning

Correction

A letter printed on this page yesterday should have been signed by Jay Winkenbach, acting CEO of the the Northern California Red Cross.

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CSU - Portion of tuition increase to provide more financial aid to students, say trustees at SJSU meeting

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wants to do it."

Balderas said the board of trustees should have asked for full funding since they had the ability to do so. Instead, "they asked to be under-funded by 1.5 billion dollars," she said.

Craig Smith, a California State University trustee said he and the other board members work together to figure out what they consider is a "good deal."

"We're not going to ask for stuff that's totally unrealistic — we have to make this work as best

we can," Smith said.

The trustees explained that it wasn't true that they wanted to be under-funded, but that they were trying to be "reasonable."

"In my opinion, that's just ridiculous," Balderas said. "It's not reasonable to expect a student who has no real source of income to pay an additional 200-something dollars a semester because they are being 'reasonable.'"

Smith said that there is a major gap to fill to compensate for money not being funded to the CSU system.

"The biggest problem is that we're not compensated by the state for what it cost to educate the stu-

dents," Smith said.

"It still hurts, but that money has to come from somewhere," Farar added.

Michelle Graves, who works in the peer mentor program for SJSU, said she attended the informational meeting to gain a better understanding of the reason behind the increase in fees.

"It's just the way things are going these days," Graves said.

The trustees also explained that the CSU system must compete with the community college and University of California system for 14 percent of the budget, which is discretionary.

"You would think we'd be working together," Graves said. "But because it's set up that way all the systems have to fight."

Graves said she thinks a percentage of state funding should be set for education.

"As a justice studies and philosophy major, I know things like prison funding is set, why can't education be set?" she said.

Smith said things could be worse, but there are some good aspects of the increase in fees.

"One of the good things about it is that one-third of the fees is taken off for university grants," Smith said. "We're funding 116,000 students this

year on that money and next year it will go to 120,000 students."

Smith also mentioned that the CSU would have professional doctorate program for the first time, which would enhance the credibility of students' degrees.

"I believe (the trustees) do have the best interest of the students at mind," Balderas said. "The thing that I imagine is very difficult for them is that they have to look at the CSU as a whole — How much does it take to run it ... How many students do they have to teach? — When you look at it that way it's understandable that they would have to sacrifice certain aspects

of the CSU over others. But, as a student representative, increase in student fees as the sacrifice is not appropriate."

Joel Bridgeman, director of student rights and responsibilities, said the problem is that "California is very expensive," Bridgeman said. "So when you tack in all the rest of things that you need to live to go to school, we're paying more than everybody else. We're getting screwed."

Balderas said when it comes to money, survival is going to come first before education. "To put students in that kind of predicament is a very irresponsible thing to do," she said.

Governor shakes up staff by adding prominent Democrat

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's announcement Wednesday that he would name a prominent Democrat as his new chief of staff has been topic A among political insiders of both parties, who are still chewing over its meaning and significance.

Whether the move has any impact on the governor's standing among the state's 15.8 million voters — most of whom pay little heed to such Sacramento staff shuffles — remains the larger question.

Schwarzenegger's appointment of Susan Kennedy to replace outgoing chief of staff Pat Clarey is the first major shakeup after the

disastrous Nov. 8 special election, when voters soundly rejected his "year of reform" ballot measures.

His campaign on behalf of the initiatives, which targeted public employee unions and Democratic lawmakers, cut his popularity in half, according to several statewide polls. The hemorrhaging of support has been most dramatic among Democrats and independents, who form the vast majority of California voters.

After the yearlong experiment as a partisan Republican left his political credibility in shambles, the Kennedy appointment appears to signal Schwarzenegger's determination to return to the political center.

But it's unlikely that staff changes alone can bring about such a transformation in a governorship so sharply defined by Schwarzenegger's own larger-than-life persona.

Kennedy, 45, is a longtime Democratic activist who served as cabinet secretary to Gov. Gray Davis, the man Schwarzenegger replaced during the 2003 recall election. She also is an abortion rights champion and is openly gay.

From the beginning, Schwarzenegger has sought counsel from a range of advisers, both Republican and Democrat. His administration has been populated by a number of prominent Democrats, including senior adviser Bonnie

Reiss and cabinet secretary Terry Tamminen.

The most influential Democratic member of his inner circle has been his wife, first lady Maria Shriver.

Still, the irony of recruiting a senior member of the Davis team were clearly not lost on Schwarzenegger.

As if to stem the grumbles of nervous Republicans, Schwarzenegger told reporters Wednesday that Kennedy had agreed to work for his political priorities. And he insisted the appointment did not mean he was "drifting" to the left.

"It's not about drifting anywhere," he said. "I have my agenda, and I know exactly where I'm going. It doesn't change my political philosophy, or my direc-

tion."

For her part, Kennedy bolstered Schwarzenegger's claim to be a nonpartisan agent of change. She framed her decision to join his team as a desire to be part of a greater legacy.

"I believe very strongly we have an historic opportunity to change the political dialogue in this state — to get past the party labels and get things done," she said.

Still, partisanship abounds. Democrats generally were quick to praise the Kennedy selection while cautioning that it did not change Schwarzenegger's priorities or his record as governor.

"The issue is the governor's policies, not his payroll," said Dan Newman, a spokesman for

state Treasurer Phil Angelides, who hopes to challenge Schwarzenegger in the governor's race next year.

Angelides, who chaired the state Democratic Party when Kennedy served as executive director, refused to comment on her selection.

Matthew Cunningham, an Orange County GOP consultant, questioned why any conservative Republican should work to re-elect Schwarzenegger next year.

"I believe he waged a valiant fight against the power of the public employee unions during the special election. That took moxie, and I had built up a huge reservoir of respect for him as a result," Cunningham wrote on FlashReport, a popular Republican Web site.

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State high court upholds execution of gang founder

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The California Supreme Court refused Wednesday to halt the scheduled execution of convicted killer Stanley Tookie Williams, the Crips gang founder who became an anti-gang activist while in prison and whose supporters claim has redeemed himself.

In a last-ditch legal move, defense attorneys petitioned the high court earlier this month, alleging shoddy forensic testing and other errors may have wrongly sent Williams to San Quentin State Prison, where he is scheduled die by injection Dec. 13.

Lawyers for Williams, author of a series of anti-gang books for children, wanted to re-examine ballistics evidence that showed his shotgun was used to kill three people during a 1979 motel robbery.

The defense claimed the forensic evidence was "junk science," but prosecutors said that allegation was "based upon innuendo, supposition and the patent bias of (Williams') purported expert."

"The extraordinary relief Williams sought is reserved for those cases which have legal merit," said Nathan Barankin, spokesman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

The high court voted 4-2 without comment to deny the inmate's petition, with Chief Justice Ronald George voting to reopen the case.

"We think the chief justice's dissent highlights the seriousness of the issues raised," defense attorney Jonathan Harris said. He was unsure whether he would ask the federal courts to intervene again.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger could also still intervene. He has agreed to hear Williams' clemency petition, and if clemency is granted it would commute the inmate's sentence to life without parole.

"What I want to do is make sure we make the right decisions, because we're dealing here with a person's life," Schwarzenegger said Wednesday.

The high court's ruling came as death penalty opponents rallied around the state urging the governor to spare Williams' life because of his apparent turnaround on death row.

"We're all remaining optimistic. We're all remaining prayerful," Bonnie Williams-Taylor, Williams' ex-wife and the mother of one of his sons, said at a rally in Los Angeles.

Nathan Barankin, spokesman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer, expressed satisfaction with Wednesday's ruling. "The extraordinary relief Williams sought is reserved for those cases which have legal merit," he said.

Williams, condemned in 1981, has maintained his innocence. Among his claims is that fabricated testimony sent him to death row. He also says prosecutors violated his rights when they dismissed all potential black jurors from his case.

The California Supreme Court, federal trial and appeals courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court have already ruled against him in earlier appeals.

Williams was condemned for killing Yen-I Yang, Tsai-Shai Chen Yang and Yu-Chin Yang Lin in the motel robbery, and for gunning down Albert Owens, a 7-Eleven clerk, in a separate crime.

While in prison, Williams has campaigned for an end to youth gang violence while co-authoring anti-gang books for youngsters. Supporters have nominated him several times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Williams and a high school friend started the Crips in Los Angeles in 1971 and it grew into one of the nation's most notorious street gangs.

UPD toy drive to help needy San Jose families

BY CHRISTINE BARKER
Daily Staff Writer

The University Police Department is going to do its part this holiday season to help families in need with its 14th annual Holiday Toy Drive, which will be accepting toys now through Dec. 12.

"The majority of toys will go to community members who have children attending Lowell Elementary School," said Rosie Alvarez, an office coordinator for UPD. "We also do contribute to staff members of the university that have expressed need or are on catastrophic need of some sort."

The donated toys are assigned to children of families the program will be helping this year.

"Of those 150 families, some of them will come pick up (the toys) Dec. 17 from our office, the oth-

ers we will deliver to on the same day," Alvarez said. "We will caravan to their address, specifically those who are downtown, within a few block radius of the university."

She said that most of the toys are donated from the university community, and students who would like to drop off a new or nearly new toy can do so at any drop box on campus or at the lobby of the UPD.

"We'd prefer them to be new or nearly new, but we basically take almost anything," she said.

If people can't donate a toy, but can spare some of their time, they can take part in the gift-wrapping of the donated toys on Wednesday, Dec. 14 from noon to 4 p.m.

"I volunteered at the toy drive gift-wrapping last year. It was a good opportunity to help out the

community while hanging out with my friends at the same time," said Julie Mai, a senior majoring in business finance. "You could tell it was a success because the hallways were lined with toys and volunteers began wrapping gifts on the floor when we had run out of tables."

The number of donations are down from last year and as a result, UPD had to reduce the number of families it is helping from 250 to 150.

"We received an anonymous donation of \$10,000 that helped us last year and will help up this year, because a lot of people have been donating to the natural disasters all over the world," Alvarez said. "Some of our main contributors, such as the Family Giving Tree and Second Harvest Food Bank, have resources that have been cut

because of other places having need."

Some student organizations on campus have teamed up with UPD to increase toy donations, such as the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, which will be hosting the fifth annual Special Wishes Toy Drive Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. in Hoover Hall.

"We're going to try to follow the process all the way through — be engaged in the collection of the toys, the wrapping of the toys and the distribution of it," said Joel Bridgeman, a senior double majoring in political science and African-American studies, and also the president of Iota Phi Theta.

He said that last year the organization was able to fill two bins with donated toys, and this year their goal is to fill three bins.

As incentives to get people to

donate toys, the organizations will be offering food, refreshments and free t-shirts to the first 100 people who come and bring a toy.

Bridgeman says he knows what it is like to not have toys on Christmas and wants to give other kids the opportunity to enjoy the holiday.

Along with the toys that will be delivered, families will also receive a food basket with chicken, a pound each of rice and beans and some canned foods.

"Last year we were able to give ham or a turkey and two pounds of beans, two pounds of rice — so basically everything has been cut in half," Alvarez said. "We are seeing the shortages."

She wants to remind people to continue to give because many agencies are running low due to the natural disaster need.

In spite of the shortages, some are confident in the giving spirit of students and individuals in the community.

"San Jose State students are different from the average college student," Bridgeman said. "Everyone's busy, but everyone always finds time to give back."

Jessica Viera, a senior majoring in advertising and the president of Zeta Phi Beta, another organization that helps out with the toy drive every year, thinks a lot of people have negative ideas of college students, and doing something like this helps to change those perceptions.

"Students should participate to give back and do something nice," she said. "I think it's always better to give than to receive and you never know what can happen, you might be in need one day."

HAWKS - Pigeon feces considered a health hazard that can cause infection



DIANA DIROY / DAILY STAFF

Hawks flying around campus have kept the pigeon population low. Pigeon remains are often found near the Business Tower. Dennis Suit, San Jose State University's manager of grounds and recycling services, said that these hawks have knocked down the pigeon population by 75 percent in the past 10 to 15 years.

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alized the hawks were caring for a baby. He hopes the same will happen with the birds on the Business Tower.

The roof of the Business Tower is a veritable battleground for birds, but the hawks appear to be winning. The gravel is littered with loose feathers and dismembered pigeon parts.

Suit said that pigeons on campus were once a major problem. According to the Centers for Disease Control Web site, pigeons are host to a number of parasites, such as fleas, ticks, mites and lice. Even worse, they carry diseases, such as Histoplasmosis, Cryptococcosis and Psittacosis, all of which stem from fungi.

Pigeon droppings have been known to help funguses grow in the dirt around where they defecate. When the droppings are stirred up by a person working or playing in the area, fungal spores can be inhaled and cause infection.

While it's not the avian flu, according to the CDC, Histoplasmosis exhibits flu-like symptoms when acquired.

Suit said that since the hawks started appearing on campus, the pigeon population has been reduced by about 75 percent, by his count.

The Business Tower also suffers from a winged ant problem. Each year, near the start of the spring semester, hundreds of the tiny insects spew out from the ventilation system in the building, causing swarms of them to gather near the stairwells.

For the past few years, Suit and his crew have been keeping the vents covered with cheesecloth and duct tape, creating a sac to catch the ants as they fly out of the vent.

"It's worked when nothing else had worked," Suit said.

Karen Pieniaszek is a program and scheduling coordinator for SJSU's Master of Business Administration department and has been in the Business Tower for 10 years. Four years ago, when she worked on the second floor, she used to notice the ants on her way

to the women's restroom on the third floor. She said the ants would show up every year.

Margaret Farmer, an admissions coordinator for the MBA program, also remembers the ants. "The bags were sometimes bulging," she said.

Pieniaszek said facilities management always took care of the problem as quickly as possible, but the general reaction around the building was a hearty, "Eew."

Farmer also remembers the pigeons that would hover around the building. "When we were on the second floor, they were always in the windows," she said. Farmer added that she often hears the hawks squawking when she arrives for work at around 6:30 a.m.

Suit said sometimes the hawks venture over to Campus Village or other parts of the campus, and they aren't the only ones to hang around the university. Over the years, many other hawks have come and gone.

On top of Duncan Hall, where Suit said there used to be a pigeon problem, one hawk got stuck in the chicken wire the campus used to keep the birds out of the vents. When Suit found the hawk, it was alive, surrounded by dismembered pigeon parts.

"He was eating pretty well while he was locked up," Suit joked.

The giant whitefly, a native species of Mexico that made its debut in southern California in 1992, literally sucks the life out of its host plant before moving on. They suck the plant sap straight from the leaves, and have become a major problem for the campus foliage in recent years.

The campus has attempted to obtain natural predators to control the whiteflies, such as parasitic wasps, but they will most likely get them in the spring. Parasitic wasps generally don't sting or bother humans like other wasps.

When asked how the wasps destroy the whiteflies, Suit replied, "Do you really want to know?"

He compared it to the movie "Alien."

"They lay eggs in the whiteflies and then the babies eat their way out," he said. "Consider it biology in action."

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Spartans look to keep momentum for next year

BY JIMMY DURKIN
Daily Staff Writer

While improvements did not show up in the win column, Spartan football coach Dick Tomey said progress has been made toward making San Jose State University's program a successful one.

FOOTBALL WRAP-UP

Overall record 3-8 WAC record 2-6

"There's a lot of evidence of positive changes," Tomey said. "It's not reflected in the win-loss column as you'd like, but it shows in the way your players play."

The Spartans closed the season with back-to-back home wins against New Mexico State University and the University of Idaho to finish the season with a 3-8 overall record and a 2-6 record in the Western Athletic Conference.

The two straight wins to end the season marked the first time since 1997 that SJSU finished the year on a winning streak and the Spartans' 3-2 home record was their first winning record at Spartan Stadium since going 3-2 in 2000.

"I think the fact that we had the opportunity to put two wins to-

gether at the end of the season is something that we're very proud of," Tomey said. "Something that's wonderful for our seniors."

Senior defensive lineman Kinji Green, who was voted the team's Most Valuable Player by his teammates, said there was a lot of emotion after the final game, a 26-18 win against Idaho.

"People were crying in the locker room, but it's a good cry," he said. "In the past years, it's been a bad cry because we didn't end on a good note. But people were crying back there and it feels great."

Green, one of 19 seniors who played in their final game against Idaho, added that while his while his tenure with the Spartans was a tough one at times, finishing strong helps make it all worth it.

"I'm sure none of us are thinking about the future right now, we're just living in the moment and we should," he said. "It was a rough ride, but we came out on top in the end and we believe that is the foundation for the underclassmen to make this program soar."

A pair of sophomore starters — tailback Yonus Davis and quarterback Adam Tafralis — are both expected to be back next season and lead a group that hopes to continue the current winning streak.

"It means a lot (to win the last two games), especially for our seniors ..."

— Adam Tafralis, Spartan quarterback



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Spartan tailback Yonus Davis runs past Bulldogs cornerback Raymond Washington on Nov. 5 at Bulldog Stadium in Fresno. Davis rushed for a total of 638 yards on 95 carries and scored four touchdowns this season.

"It means a lot (to win the last two games), especially for our seniors, but also just for team morale," Tafralis said. "It should put a whole new spin on the off season."

"People only remember the last game," he added. "Hopefully, the players only remember the last game. They've got the sour taste of all the losses — all the close ones — but to remember how it felt to win is a big thing."

Senior safety Josh Powell, whose three interceptions sealed the win against Idaho and earned him the WAC's Defensive Player of the Week, said he's excited to see where SJSU's program can

grow from here.

"We started a new foundation for our team," Powell said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how San Jose State football turns around."

Bobby Godinez, another senior safety, said the program is in good hands and should be able to build off the strong end to the season.

"Coach Tomey focused on getting these last two (wins) for the seniors and keeping that momentum into next year," Godinez said. "I definitely think with a year under the belt with the staff and the defense and the offense, they're going to carry it into next year and start something great."

2005 Football report card

RUSHING OFFENSE: Sophomore tailback Yonus Davis came on strong over the final five games and established himself as a legitimate threat in the running game. The offensive line also evolved and the running game should continue to be a strength going into next season.	B+
PASSING OFFENSE: The passing game finished the season next to last in the WAC in passing offense and struggled to gain any consistency. Sophomore quarterback Adam Tafralis looked great at times — including a 328-yard, two-touchdown performance against WAC co-champion Nevada — but threw only 11 touchdowns on the season and completed less than 50 percent of his passes. The receiving corps proved to be solid for most of the season, but breakout performances were limited.	C-
RUNNING DEFENSE: The Spartans allowed 145.4 rushing yards per game this season, sixth in the WAC, but they were able to come up with some key performances when they needed them. They allowed only 10 yards on 17 carries in the win against New Mexico State University and the 62 yards rushing they allowed against the University of Hawai'i allowed them to stay close in an eventual 45-38 loss.	C+
PASSING DEFENSE: You can't argue with the statistics that the Spartans were last in the WAC, allowing 296 passing yards per game. SJSU allowed more than 300 yards passing in six of its 11 games and only once, in the 26-18 win against the University of Idaho, did it allow less than 200 yards. The Spartans were third in the conference with 27 sacks, but their inability to stop the pass doomed them throughout the season.	D
SPECIAL TEAMS: Freshman kicker Jared Strubeck was a bright spot with three successful onside kicks and 11 field goal and sophomore punter Waylon Prather was solid with a 39.3 yards per punt average. But the Spartans were 108th in the nation in punt return average and the return coverage team struggled at times and an 87-yard punt return for a touchdown was the difference in the 24-17 loss to Utah State University.	B-
COACHING: Dick Tomey's first year with the Spartans didn't go as well as he would have liked in the win column, but his influence was obvious it was the team that fought hard. He showed his ability to inspire with his impromptu speech during the game against the University of Nevada that help the team rally from a 20-0 deficit to tie the game, before eventually losing 30-23.	B+
OVERALL: A 3-8 record wasn't what most people hoped for when SJSU brought in Dick Tomey, but things appear to be improving. The Spartans were competitive in nearly every game and the attitude of the players seems to have improved. While 3-8 may not be what they wanted, at least it's better than the 2-9 record from a year ago.	C+

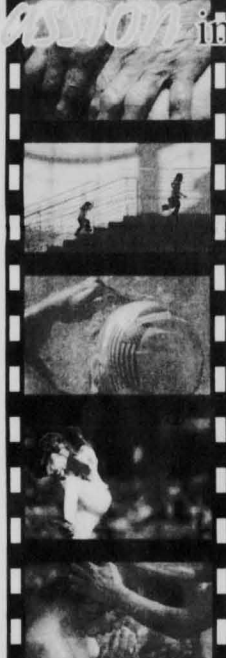
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Men's basketball mauled by Golden Bears, 72-69

BY JIMMY DURKIN
Daily Staff Writer

BERKELEY — The Spartan men's basketball team gave the University of California a strong fight until midway through the second half, but the Golden Bears, rejuvenated by the return of star sophomore forward Leon Powe, took control and beat the Spartans 70-52 on Wednesday in a nonconference game at Haas Pavilion.

Powe was Cal's leading scorer

and rebounder in the 2003-04 season when he was crowned Pacific-10 Conference Freshman of the Year, but missed all of last season with a knee injury and missed the start of this season with a stress

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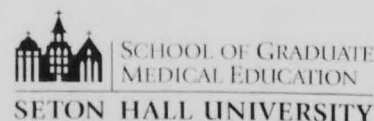


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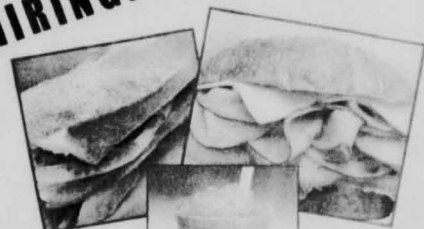


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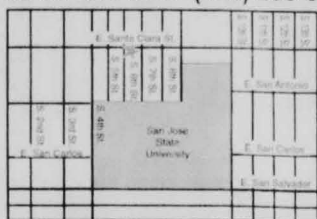


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Volleyball team regroups for next season

BY CHEETO BARRERA
Daily Staff Writer

Throughout the San Jose State University volleyball team's season, head coach Craig Choate said his team was young and lacked confidence in its ability.

VOLLEYBALL WRAP-UP

Overall record	WAC record
12-17	7-9

The team finished the season 7-9 in the Western Athletic Conference and 12-17 overall.

Of 13 players available this season, nine were freshman or sophomores and seven played in matches.

Since the team was so young, Choate said the players didn't recognize they had talent and could play tough against teams that beat them during the season.

"This is probably the least confident team that I ever coached," Choate said after being eliminated in the WAC volleyball tournament in Reno, Nev. last week. "I don't think they have any reason to lack confidence. We're not there yet, but I guarantee we will be there next year. ... We have to grow up a bit. I love our future."

The WAC was changed this year with the loss of Rice University, the University of Texas, El Paso and the University of Tulsa, which were replaced by Utah State University, New Mexico State University and the University of Idaho.

"The newer teams really brought attention to the WAC," Dyana Thompson said. "With the new teams, there are a lot of good freshmen, the conference the next few years will get a lot better."

For SJSU, Choate and the players say they have the talent to get better.

The Spartans' star outside hitter, Jennifer Senfleben, is a sophomore and was converted from a middle blocker from last season.

During this season, Senfleben led the team with 469 kills, including 28 kills on Nov. 19 against the University of Idaho.

But despite the switch to a more active position, Senfleben said she wasn't as drained physically and emotionally.

"Last year for me I got tired, but this year I kept on going," Senfleben said. "I didn't care I didn't get more tired I don't know why, I wanted to keep going. It didn't really set in this year, I got tired in game but overall I could have kept going."

Senfleben was joined by freshman Colleen Burke who led the team in hitting percentage with a .269 and was second to Senfleben with 342 kills.

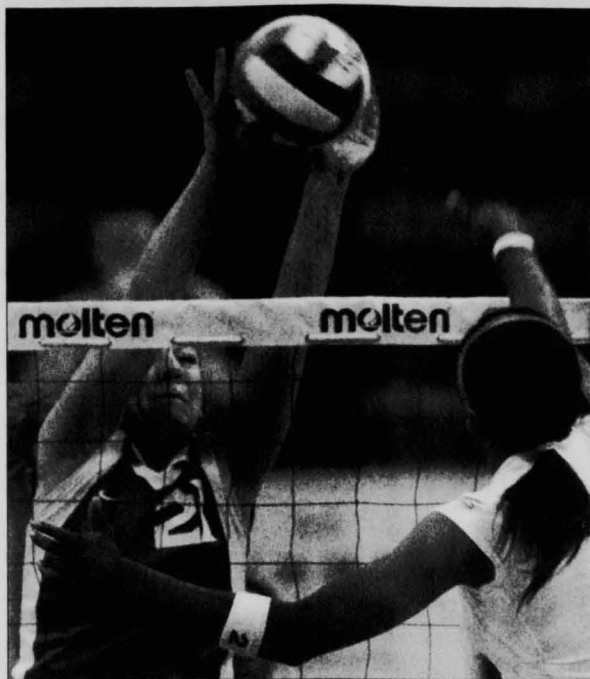
The outside hitters were set up by freshman setter Brittany Collet, who led the in assists with 1,274.

Thompson, who was second on the squad in hitting percentage with a .263, said Collet and Burke both performed better than some freshmen do in their first year.

"The freshmen made a huge impact this year," Thompson said. "Brittany (did great) for her setting and Colleen had an amazing hitting percentage. The first year, players are still getting a feel for Division I — a feel for the season and the travel. But both of them took it really well."

Junior libero Jessie Shull broke the career digs record with 1,584 with 550 this season. The record was previously held by Dawnis Wilson with 1,412 from 1988-91.

In the beginning of the season,



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Spartan outside hitter Jennifer Senfleben was named first team All-WAC and had 262 digs and led the team this season with 469 kills.

Shull and Thompson said the youth of the team was very apparent. But as the season progressed, they said, the players gained experience and grew as a team.

"In the (University of San Francisco) game, even though we didn't win, we played amazing for where we were," Shull said.

Shull said along with the University of Hawai'i, which has been the powerhouse in the WAC for about 10 years, Utah State and New Mexico State had frustrated the Spartans throughout the season. Thompson agreed and added that

the loss to Fresno State University at home on Nov. 10 in five games disappointed her.

"I look at it that we can beat any team," Thompson said. "When we lost to Fresno, it got to me a little bit."

But next year, some of the team members say the Spartans will be a better team.

Shull and Thompson said every team in the WAC will be a threat.

"I have a great outlook for next year," Thompson said. "I know we are going to be competitive."

SJSU looks to bounce back from loss during Hawkeye Challenge tournament

BY SOPHIA SEREMETIS
Daily Staff Writer

A brilliant display behind the 3-point arc against Cal State Northridge on Nov. 21 at the Matadome earned the San Jose State University women's basketball team its second non-conference win, 76-62.

However, Tuesday night's lethargic loss to Portland State University (68-62) stymied the Spartans' hopes of going to the Hawkeye Challenge undefeated.

The Spartans — now 2-1 in non-conference play — will travel to Iowa City, Iowa, this weekend for the two-day tournament.

On Nov. 21, the Spartans adapted well to Northridge's double and triple-team defense that thwarted SJSU's leading scorer, sophomore Amber Jackson, holding her to 15 total points.

SJSU shot 44.8 percent from the field and drained nearly 50 percent of its 3-point shots (11-23). Sophomore Alisha Hicks, who was five of six from behind the arc, scored a game-high 18 points.

"The Matadors did a good job doubling on Amber," Richard said. "Every time she touches it she's doubled or tripled. The girls did a good job of recognizing that and knocking down those outside shots."

The Matadors (0-2) weren't able to stop Jackson from grabbing 17 rebounds, though. The Spartans outrebounded Northridge 47-42, scoring 24 second-chance points, or points scored on offensive rebounds.

"I think we do a decent job crashing the boards," Richard said.

Having Jackson and Lamisha Augustine at the low-post position certainly doesn't hurt, either. The pair has been responsible for over half of the team's rebounds in each of the past three games, grabbing 68 of 123 boards for the Spartans.

Hicks scored four of her five 3-

pointers in the first half, in which she saw only 10 minutes of action. Richard said she is a perfect example of the depth of the SJSU offense. The Spartan bench accounted for 30 points compared with 14 from the Northridge bench.

"We have quite a few players on this team that can score," Richard said. She added that she often reminds the team not to be overly concerned about whether or not they're on the floor for the tip-off, because "it's not who starts, it's who finishes."

Richard said that although her starting five had been doing well for her so far, she wants to continue to try new things. "We're going to change the lineup a little," Richard said.

After Tuesday's bout with Portland State, forward/center Amber Jackson said the team has a long road to haul this week in practice to prepare for Saturday's game against Rutgers University. The Scarlet Knights (3-0) are ranked sixth nationally in the Associated Press Top-25 poll.

On Sunday, the Spartans will face either Iowa or Vermont, depending on the outcome of the Rutgers game.

"In this game, in warm-ups, we seemed ready, we talked about it, we were all pumped. But when we started playing, we lost it," Jackson said after Tuesday's game. "Going into halftime, we were up by one, but the overall feeling was like we had already lost the game, just by the way everybody's reaction was."

Jackson said the Spartans will most likely be working on their defensive skills in practice for the remainder of the week, but she said the team will also need to focus on working as a unit.

"I think after this game we know how much we're lacking when it comes to team effort," Jackson said.

BASKETBALL - Returning Powe drops 27 points on Spartans for the Bears

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fracture in his right foot.

Wednesday marked Powe's first game action with the Bears in 629 days and he responded by scoring Cal's first 10 points of the game and finished with a career-high tying 27 points and 10 rebounds.

"I didn't care if I didn't score a point," Powe said. "I just wanted to

be out there."

Despite the strong inside presence of the 6-foot-8, 240-pound Powe, the Spartans (3-3) kept the game close early.

After Powe nailed a short jumper on Cal's first possession, SJSU junior guard Carlton Spencer drained a 3-pointer to take a 3-2 lead.

The teams exchanged the lead seven times and were tied five times

before SJSU took its final lead of the game with 4:55 left in the first half on a 3-pointer by junior guard Julian Richardson.

"I thought San Jose outscrapped us on the offensive boards," Cal coach Ben Braun said. "Give San Jose credit, they came in here and played their hearts out. They kept us off-balance, which was good."

Cal (4-1) followed with a 10-0

run, highlighted by two 3-pointers by senior guard Richard Midgley, to take a 34-26 lead and went into halftime with a 37-28 lead.

SJSU started the second half strong when senior forward Alex Exam hit a 3-pointer on the opening possession, but two straight buckets by Cal gave the Bears their largest lead of the game to that point at 43-33.

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'Pikul' worth picking up

The next song, "Booksmart Devil," draws the listener in with a slow, waltz-

draws the listener in with a slow, walking tempo that resonates for the rest of the EP. The third track features an acoustic guitar sound and a simple drum track and the soothing sound of Aubert's lyrics.

Linkin Park has a unique sound, and in many cases the band strives to detach itself from

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The album is nothing worth listening to and in any case, neither is Shinoda. He should stay in the shadow of Linkin Park where he belongs.

On the second track, "Comeback Kid," the Pickups chill out a bit. The song has a lower tempo, less screaming and more focus on the guitar, but they didn't lose the heavy distortion.

Track four, "The Fuzz," starts off with a sort of a trippy electronic intro but loses focus from there. The performance in the drums by Christopher Guanlao seemed lazy and uninspired, but maybe that's the sound the Pickups were going for.

"Creation Lake" is a gentle love ballad in which Monniger takes the lead vocal spot. She sings, "There's 24 parts in a day that divides me from you." Her sweet sound was a welcome change from the passive-aggressive style of Aubert, who alternates between passionate yells and modified mumbles.

"Pikul" has many good elements, but it is certainly not the kind of CD to bring to the gym for motivation. It's lulling instrumentals and soporific sound suggest that perhaps it is best to keep this one for special occasions, such as the first day of winter... or a bout of insomnia.


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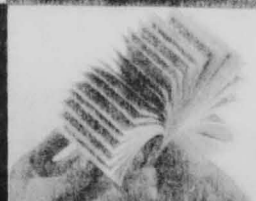
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Behrendt cool in 'uncool' DVD

BY CHRISTINE BARKER
Daily Staff Writer

"He's Just Not That Into You," the best-selling book about realizing that there is no such thing as mixed signals when it comes to men, made Greg Behrendt a household name.

DVD REVIEW

He has appeared on Oprah twice to promote his books, as well as tell stories of his time as a consultant for a show called "Sex and the City."

What I did not know about Behrendt is that he has been a stand-up comedian for more than a decade, and his newest stand-up comedy DVD, "Greg Behrendt is Uncool," was released Nov. 15.

Behrendt's one-man act for the DVD was filmed earlier this year in downtown San Jose at the Improv Comedy Club.

As a reader of his book, which stemmed from an infamous episode of "Sex and the City," I thought that in writing, Behrendt was a pretty clever guy.

In the flesh he is even funnier with the combination of facial expressions and the abundant energy he gives off when he is on stage.

As a 42-year-old rock star wannabe, Behrendt has come to the realization that he is, in fact, beyond his prime, although he continues to wear a wallet chain that dangles from his waist and has tattoos peeking out of his shirt sleeves.

As a dedicated husband and father of two daughters under the age of 3, Behrendt is still a man who is young at heart.



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He came to Hollywood to become a rock star, and now he is a contributor for teen magazines, along with his continuing work of giving relationship advice.

"He's Just Not That Into You" has been given the OK to be adapted for the silver screen and CBS is working on creating a series based on his comedy DVD, "Uncool."

"Greg Behrendt is Uncool" is his comedic realization that he is no longer a young stud in his 20s, but an old stud with the mind of a 20-something in the body of a 40-something.

If you can move past his constant uses of the words "dude," "bro," and a well-timed cuss word sprinkled here and there, his comedy will tickle your funny bone.

He is an expert in the music genre of air guitar, his advice for getting it just right — "just fan the genitals."

Behrendt doesn't claim to be an expert on women, and says often times at the writing table for "Sex and the City," he would just sit around and listen to smart, dynamic women talk about nothing but sex.

He was the token straight guy, and although he tried to just be a silent listener, it all changed with one piece of friendly advice, "he's just not that into you."

This isn't just comedy for women — men will enjoy his male perspective on such issues as public hair styling and the way in which porn changes as you age.

Women, on the other hand, will see in Behrendt what they may see in the men in their lives, a self-described "forgetful and anal" man.

The kind of guy who can't just admit he left the lights on, but the kind of guy who has to insist he knew he left them on and that's what he meant to do, because he is a "light leaver-ner."

For the lucky fans that were able to see him in person at the Improv, check out his DVD for an encore.

For those of you who haven't yet experienced the comedy of Greg Behrendt's over-the-hill rock star persona, the DVD will suffice, but just remember that either way Greg Behrendt is uncool.

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GEORGE NESSMAN

George Nessman has taken over a struggling Spartan men's basketball team since signing on as the team's new head coach for this season. But with 17 seasons of coaching experience, Nessman might have a few tricks up his sleeve to help pick up the Spartans. The Spartan Daily's own Joe Question will get to the bottom of it the only way he knows how.

SD: How do you see San Jose State's chances this year?

GN: Well we're off to a solid start, you know, we're 2-1 and we're building a program. We have a short-term plan and a long-term track. Our guys are giving a great effort, they're playing really hard. I mean, that gives us a chance.

SD: What was it like playing Texas Tech and meeting their coach Bobby Knight?

GN: To be honest with you, we saw it was an honor to play against coach's team and coaching against our staff and our players. But once the game tipped off, it was a basketball game. You know, obviously he's one of the icons in our game, he's one of the true legends and so it was a real privilege for us. But again, once the game started, it's a basketball game.

SD: Did he throw any chairs?

GN: No, he was incredibly gracious to us and he was a real gentleman.

SD: What basketball players did you idolize when you grew up?

GN: To me, my two favorite players when I was growing up were Willis Reed and David DeBusschere, both played with the New York Knicks at the time. I was a youngster when they

won the first championship the Knicks won. Willis Reed had the hurt knee and went out and played and that was really inspiring to me. So those were the guys I really looked up to.

SD: Other than San Jose State, did you have a favorite college team that you followed, maybe when you were also growing up?

GN: Well, I went to Cal. Go Bears.

SD: How about the NBA?

GN: Not really, I've got some people that I coached who play in the NBA, so I root for their teams.

SD: So you're not really a specific fan.

GN: Not in the NBA. In the NFL, I like the Green Bay Packers. I like the Minnesota Twins in baseball, but I don't have a real NBA team.

SD: Is there any favorite basketball movie?

GN: (Pause) I like the movie — it's a silly movie — I like the movie "Fast Break" with Gabe Kaplan. I liked it.

SD: Have you ever been involved in a game where it had to be interrupted because maybe fan ran across the court, perhaps due to streaking or something like that?

GN: (Laughs) No, never had a streaker. You know, we actually had a reverse tragic situation. We had a gentleman pass away at a game once, so we called the game at the halftime. But no, never had a streaker in game.

SD: Are you guys going to kick some butt this season?

GN: That's our plan, every time out.

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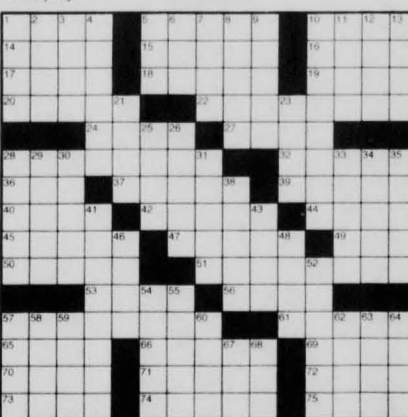
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The proposed "Oak to Ninth" project is set to include 3,100 homes, dozens of restaurants and other businesses and a 20-acre waterfront park. The City Council is expected to approve some version of the proposal next year.

Supporters include Mayor Jerry Brown, who says the development will attract urban professionals to Oakland and help

transform the undeveloped waterfront area near Jack London Square into a vibrant new neighborhood.

But some residents who live near the site worry it will raise home prices and squeeze out low-income residents. Environmentalists fear the development will choke out open space.

A coalition of community groups calling itself Oakland Community Organizations hopes to persuade the developers to designate a quarter of the units as low-income and moderate-income housing, and hire and train 300 residents to help with construction.

REPORT - Worker income declining

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in 2020, and total personal income across the U.S. would increase by \$425 billion as a result.

Means said education is, from an economic standpoint, "human capital" and a necessary investment for anyone seeking to gain a profitable job in the world today.

The problem that people seeking that investment run into, Means said, is that there are problems with the quality of education in the United States.

"In (the United States) our K-12 system is pretty weak," Means said. "I would wager that most high school degrees in this country are not as skilled as those in other developed nations."

Means said this changes at the university level and that "we end up doing better" in the U.S. because we have a higher quality of university and college-level education.

"The (California State University) system is still the cheapest and best deal in town, despite the rising cost," Means said. "I don't think it's become too difficult for people to get a good education."

According to the National Center's report, ethnic groups are most at risk for lacking higher levels of education, and Means said he thinks the real obstacle is income.

"Interestingly, there are more resources for low-income students," Means said. "There are plenty of programs for them. The real squeeze is made on middle to high-income students who live in areas where the cost of living is very high. A lot of government programs base the allocation of aid on income level and not on need."

Yeager said he would like to see an effort on the part of the state to make education more affordable, something that he thinks might solve the gaps.

"Education is an important investment," Yeager said. "And we're not making it enough of a priority in California."

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